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FLUORESCENT LAMP

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended paragraphs is attached at the end of this preliminary amendment):

Please amend the paragraph on page 19, lines 2-11 as follows:

---Fig. 6A shows the voltage waveform applied when striking a cold cathode fluorescent lamp connected to a piezoelectric transformer connected according to the prior art, Fig. 6B shows the voltage waveform applied when striking a cold cathode fluorescent lamp connected to a piezoelectric transformer connected according to the present invention,